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STRAWBERRY CLOVER

(BRUNNING'S "TARWEI" SHELLED SEED)

THE PLANT FOR SWAMPS, MARSHY GROUND AND MOIST LOCALITIES

Strawberry Clover is a perennial which is only just becoming thoroughly appreciated as a pasture plant for swamps and wet, marshy ground, and as it becomes better known, will be more largely grown. **FOR MOIST SITUATIONS THERE IS NO BETTER BUSINESS PROPOSITION.** The difficulty in the past has been the trouble and high cost of dehushing the seed, a process which formerly had to be done by hand. Brunning's are in possession of special machinery, which enables the process of dehushing to be carried out expeditiously and cheaply, and without causing any injury to the germ of the seed.



WHY YOU SHOULD PLANT STRAWBERRY CLOVER

1. ONCE ESTABLISHED, IS THOROUGHLY PERMANENT
2. IS A SPLENDID SOIL IMPROVER
3. YIELDS ABUNDANCE OF FIRST-CLASS PASTURE
4. MAKES GOOD QUALITY PALATABLE HAY
5. ONCE ESTABLISHED, REQUIRES NO FURTHER TREATMENT
6. WILL CONVERT SWAMPY MARSH LAND INTO FIRST-CLASS GRAZING AREAS

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HOW TO GROW STRAWBERRY CLOVER

STRAWBERRY CLOVER

Strawberry Clover (*Trifolium fragiferum*) is a perennial plant with spreading stems, pink flowers and foliage very similar to White Dutch Clover. The name has been derived from the fact that the seed heads very much resemble the Strawberry in appearance. The plant is unequalled for swamps and wet, marshy ground, and is especially valuable under such circumstances, for as a rule only inferior swamp grasses and reeds of little or no fodder value can be successfully cultivated on this class of land. The plant is of first-class feeding value and is also a soil improver. On moist, rich river flats, where Rye Grass, Cocksfoot, White Clover and Lucerne can be successfully grown, Strawberry Clover will give equally as good or better results.

Another similarity to the Strawberry is the way this plant throws its runners out and roots as it goes, thus spreading very rapidly.

UTILIZATION

Primarily, Strawberry Clover is a pasture plant, and is generally utilised for grazing. It also makes clover hay of first-class quality, and is, in addition, an excellent soil improver. The plant is thoroughly permanent, and once established will, with an occasional top-dressing, last for years. The first cost of the seed is practically the only one, as no cultivation is necessary at any time after seeding, and, apart from a possible top-dressing of lime or of bonedust and superphosphate mixed, every two or three years, no other treatment is needed to preserve the pastures in first-class condition. Strawberry Clover is, therefore, A VERY CHEAP PLANT TO MAINTAIN. An important consideration in these days of high labour costs. In the Tarwin district of South Gippsland there are stands of Strawberry Clover that have been established over twenty-five years, and still in splendid condition.

CLIMATIC AND SOIL CONDITIONS

The plant is fairly adaptable as regards climatic requirements, and will, under reasonably suitable conditions, give splendid results in districts ranging from temperate to cold. The best returns will be obtained from rich river flats, but the plant will give valuable results on any wet, marshy land, especially on salty ground, and in districts near the seashore. Where conditions permit, the preparation of a first-class seed bed, such as is required for Lucerne, will be well repaid, but as a general rule it will not be possible to do more than perhaps merely harrow the surface. (See also Mr. Crawley's remarks on the opposite page.)

SEED

The shelled seed is by far the most economical, and obviates the considerable loss occasioned in the process of dehushing. From 5 to 6 lbs. of seed in husk is required to yield a pound of shelled seed. The process of shelling by machinery formerly injured the germination of the seed, but this difficulty has now been successfully overcome, and BRUNNING'S "TARWEI" SHELLED STRAWBERRY CLOVER SEED is of first-class germination.

SOWING THE SEED

The seed may be sown any time from the middle of March until the end of June. The earlier seed is sown, the longer the growing period available before the hot, dry weather sets in, and the better the plant is established. About 10 lbs. of seed in husk is required for an acre, but by far the better plan is to use "BRUNNING'S TARWEI SHELLED SEED," of which, sown by itself, 2 lbs. per acre, will be found ample. The seed is sown broadcast, but to distribute more evenly and to ensure a good balanced ration, the following makes a first-class mixture per acre:—

- 20 lbs. Old Pasture Rye Grass.
- 3 lbs. Creeping Bent.
- 1 lb. Shelled Strawberry Clover.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Alsike.

After sowing the seed, should conditions permit, a rolling will do very much towards improving germination and ensuring a good stand.

READ WHAT A SUCCESSFUL WESTERN DISTRICT PASTORALIST WRITES:

14th January, 1921.

MESSRS. F. H. BRUNNING, PTY. LTD.—

I have now about 500 acres of Strawberry Clover, and am increasing the area as fast as I can by sowing seed and planting sods every year.

It grows best on a rich, retentive soil, not deficient in lime, which retains the moisture well throughout the Summer, and if occasional floods inundate it for short periods, it will probably be benefited thereby.

In my opinion there is no pasture grown which will fatten stock quicker, put a better "bloom" on them, or carry more stock per acre, than Strawberry Clover grown on suitable country. Butchers also report that the beef and mutton produced by it always finds favour with their customers.

I have always got a good germination from your seed, which is simply thrown over the pasture without any cultivation whatever. The result has been sufficiently good to induce me to pass back for a "second help" every year for the last 10 years at least.

(Signed) J. WM. CRAWLEY, "MOYNVALE," WARRNAMBOOL.

GENERAL TREATMENT

Apart from the rolling (where possible) after sowing the seed, no further treatment is necessary, except a dressing of lime every second year. Providing the field is not grazed too heavily, it will provide feed over a very lengthy period of the year. Strawberry Clover will, especially on medium-class soil, respond well to a top-dressing of bonedust and superphosphate mixed every two or three years.

SECURE YOUR SUPPLIES BRUNNING'S 'TARWEI' SHELLED STRAWBERRY CLOVER SEED EARLY

WE BELIEVE OUR SEEDS ARE THE BEST, BUT —

Our interest in you does not stop when we have sold you the best seeds it is possible to produce. **We want the results obtained from their planting to be the Best.**

Having found what we believe to be a good way of helping you achieve such results, we call your attention to the suggestions contained on the front and inside pages of this leaflet.

TO KEEP YOUR LAND FERTILE

RAISE LIVE STOCK AND FEED WHAT YOU RAISE.

FEED YOUR CROPS TO STOCK AND THUS PUT BACK ON THE SOIL THE MANURE PRODUCED ON THE FARM.

KEEP UP THE SUPPLY OF HUMUS BY GROWING ANNUAL AND PERMANENT LEGUME CROPS SUCH AS BERSEEM, PEAS, TICK BEANS, SWEET CLOVER, SUBTERRANEAN CLOVER, LUCERNE, STRAWBERRY CLOVER.



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